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U. K. School Offers Diplomas For

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Diplomats

LEXINGTON, Ky., Feb. 11—Emphasis of the new Administration in Washington on career diplomats for key foreign posts, plus the fact that the State Department has decided to pay diplomats a bonus for proficiency in languages, brings up the question:

Where do Americans learn to be diplomats?

One answer is the University of Kentucky. Its William Andrew Patterson School of Diplomacy and International Commerce is one of only a handful of schools of diplomacy in the United States. Georgetown University has an undergraduate school in this field, and Tufts College and American University are among the very few institutions that have graduate schools of diplomacy.

Twenty graduate students now are enrolled fulltime in the Patterson School, a division of the U. K. College of Arts and Sciences which began operating in September, 1959.

Vandenbosch Director

Director of the school is Dr. Amry Vandenbosch, who came to the university in 1926 as a professor of political science. He became head of the political science department seven years later, served with the Office of Strategic Services during World War II, and now is "distinguished professor of political science" at U. K.

The diplomacy school is named for William Andrew Patterson, only child of Dr. James Kennedy Patterson, third president of Kentucky State College (now University of Kentucky). Dr. Patterson, whose tenure as president ran from 1869 to 1910, advocated formation of a school of diplomacy—unsuccessfully—for many years. He died in 1922, leaving a major part of his estate to help start the diplomacy school.

The purpose of the Patterson School is not merely to prepare students to pass State Department examinations for the consular service, Dr. Vandenbosch explains. It also hopes to give the best training possible in the study of world

politics, foreign policies and international economics.

The young school offers training in five interrelated fields:

1. International relations, law and organization.
2. Diplomacy.
3. Comparative government.
4. International economics, trade and commercial policies.
5. Area studies.

While the Patterson School is not a professional school, its director pointed out, it does give training in a field in which a large number of Americans are now finding satisfying careers.

Nearly 40,000 American civilians are working abroad for the United States Government, he said, and some 60,000 are serving overseas as employees of private agencies. "With our national weal or woe so largely dependent on a wise foreign policy," he said, "the need for leaders with a liberal education in



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James Kennedy Patterson, shown in this imposing statue, left a major share of his estate to help start the school of diplomacy. At right is Dr. Amry Vandenbosch, who is the director of the Patterson School.

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